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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION VISITS MAPUTO PORT

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1. OFFICIAL OF MOZAMBIQUE PORT AND RAIL AUTHORITY (CFM) TOLD EMBASSY LOCAL THAT A DELEGATION OF 24 SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESSMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE, MINES AND TRANSPORT PAID ONE DAY VISIT TO MAPUTO TO TOUR PORT AND SURVEY OPERATIONS. GROUP REPORTEDLY ARRIVED MORNING OF APRIL 18, AND LEFT THAT AFTERNOON. VISIT WAS NOT PUBLICIZED HERE. EMBASSY LOCAL STATED HE HAD HEARD SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO BROADCAST EVENING OF APRIL 19, IN WHICH MAPUTO PORT VISIT WAS REPORTED.

2. ACCORDING LOCAL, BUSINESSMEN DISCUSSED PORT OPERATIONS AND ORE SHIPMENT PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY HIGH DEMURRAGE CHARGES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAPUTO. SOUTH AFRICANS WERE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE PROMISED TO GUARANTEE QUANTITIES OF CARGO TO MAPUTO ON BASIS OF 3,000 TONS PER DAY OF CHROME AND MANGANESE ORES.

3. COMMENT: VISIT INDICATES CONTINUING INTEREST ON PART SOUTH AFRICANS TO KEEP MAPUTO PORT OPERATING, AT LEAST IN SHORT TERM. MINIMUM ORE SHIPMENTS OF 3,000 TONS PER DAY IS ABOUT WHAT MAPUTO

IS PRESENTLY HANDLING. HOWEVER, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER PORT
CAN SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS (REFTELS) TO ENABLE IT TO MOVE THIS QUANTITY
DURING 1977.
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